

(b) if so, the main issues and problems identified in the workshop and details of the observations and suggestions made to resolve and tackle the same; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A 3 day workshop on Reducing Risk Taking Behaviour Related to Drug Abuse, HIV/AIDS and STD's among Street Children was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Welfare in December, 1996. The main issues and problems identified by the workshop included incidence of Drug Abuse amongst street children and their vulnerability to the risk of HIV/AIDS and STD's.

The recommendations of the workshop included increased advocacy and awareness of these issues, improved accessibility of street children to health care services and de-addiction centres and enhanced co-ordination between various agencies working for street children.

Recognising these issues and problems the Ministry will focus more attention on this target group through its ongoing scheme for welfare of street children and the scheme for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention.

Fake Certificates

5871. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that fake Scheduled Caste Certificates are being openly prepared at village Azorpur-Karakat Panchayat in Jaunpur District.

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether some persons have also been elected in Panchayat election on the basis of fake certificates in

Azorpur area Karakat Panchayat in Jaunpur district; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Reimbursement of Freight etc. charges

5872. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the levy sugar price has been enhanced from Rs. 9.05 to Rs. 11.00 recently;

(b) if so, whether the reimbursement of freight, insurance, transport and handling charges have been included therein;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the Government propose to reimburse the same to the state agencies?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. The levy sugar price has been enhanced from Rs. 9.05 to Rs. 10.50 per kg. w.e.f. 10.2.1997.

(b) to (d) Reimbursement of interest, transport, handling charges etc. is included in the margins, for wholesalers/ sub-wholesalers and retailers for distribution of levy sugar. Copies of guidelines for fixing the margins regarding indigenous levy sugar w.e.f. 1.4.1994 and from 1.4.1996 are given in Statements I and II attached.

Statement-I

Guidelines for Fixing Margins for Retailers/Sub-Wholesalers/Wholesalers of Indigenous Levy Sugar Applicable from 1.4.1994

Sl.No.	Item of Cost	Retailers	Sub-Wholesalers/Wholesalers
1	2	3	4
1.	Interest on capital	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for 15 days on retail levy price minus retailers margin.	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for one month to wholesalers and for 15 days to sub-whole-salers on the weighted average cost of levy sugar for the state.